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1. The Yulin headquarters of the Soviet Submarine Command has been training Chinese Communist Naval personnel in practice maneuvers at Yulin Harbor. On the evening of 15 or 16 April one of the trainees killed a Soviet officer. The incident was heard in the officers quarters at Yulin and is described as follows:

KAO Wu-chiang, a Chinese Communist trainee, thinking himself insulted by Soviet Lieutenant Ku-t'a-li (古塔里), quarreled with the officer and shot him with a pistol. Ku-t'a-li died instantly and KAO then shot himself. When Soviet and Chinese officers arrived it was too late to do anything.

2. Chinese Communist Naval Headquarters at Peiping sent WEI Ssu-min (王思敏), a high-ranking staff officer, to investigate the Yulin affair. Pending a final settlement, training was halted for over 300 Chinese Communist students and they were confined to quarters.
3. On 12 May 140 Chinese Communist submarine trainees left Yulin enroute to the North by train and led by WEI Ssu-min, who was going to Peiping to report on the death of the Soviet officer. The training period at Yulin was shortened six weeks by this incident.

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